

110 TINS OF OPIUM SEIZED FROM LURLINE

Someone gave a hint to Collector Stackable this morning that there was opium among the cargo of the Lurline, which arrived in port yesterday from San Francisco.

He got a staff of men together and went to work searching on the Hackfeld wharf. Very soon their efforts began to be rewarded, for they came across no fewer than 110 tins of opium. This is a very valuable find, and strangely enough did not come from the Orient.

It was claimed by the importer—Nathan Scharion—that the tins are stamped. This was found to be the case, but Collector Stackable when seen this morning on the wharf in the midst of the searching operations, said that up to that time he could not say whether the stamps were genuine or not.

The search is still proceeding, and it is possible that a larger amount will be found before it is concluded.

JARED SMITH RESIGNS AS KONA TOBACCO CO. MANAGER



JARED SMITH, HAWAII'S TOBACCO PIONEER.

Jared Smith has resigned the management of the Kona Tobacco Company, which he has held since the enterprise started three years ago. In fact, Mr. Smith was one of the company's chief promoters. He gave up the office of special agent in charge of the Hawaii Experiment Station, a Federal job, to engage in the tobacco industry, the success of which he felt to be assured from the results of experiments.

Tracing a rumor that the American Tobacco Company, otherwise known as the Tobacco Trust, had captured the Kona Tobacco Company and discharged the manager, Jared G. Smith, a Star reporter called on W. R. Castle for information. Mr. Castle promptly denied that the Trust had interfered with the company, at the same time stating the fact of Mr. Smith's resignation and giving some particulars of the present status of the company.

"Someone asked me this morning about the truth of a rumor that the American Tobacco Co., or the Trust, had got control of the Hawaiian Tobacco Co., of which Mr. Schrader is manager. I have no information as to that, but I do not think there is any truth in it. Mr. Schrader was in to see me the other day, and certainly gave no indication that anything unusual had happened.

"As for the Kona Tobacco Co., whose plantation is in South Kona, started by Jared G. Smith in 1908, I have a list of the shareholders in my office. There are 720 shares and I do not think any of the holders has sold out.

"It is true, however, that Mr. Smith has resigned as manager. Mr. Smith was so sanguine of success that he went ahead faster than the conditions warranted, before a market was established for the tobacco, and when the company had not learned how properly to cure its crop.

"In consequence, instead of getting a big return for the crop of 1909, that crop produced an absolutely pitiful return. The shareholders became dissatisfied, and refused to put up any more money.

"Mr. Smith then resigned and his resignation was accepted. No one has yet been appointed manager in his place.

"A new issue of stock is being made and the company expects to have a good crop this year. It will be cured in charge of Mr. Daniels, an expert brought here by H. Hackfeld & Co.,

1041 FAMILIES HAVE APPLIED FOR LAND

Senate judiciary committee, A. F. Judd, chairman, turned in report today on senate bill 55, creating a department of immigration, labor and statistics, repealing the present immigration board measure and amending the tax on incomes, for immigration purposes. It is recommended that the bill pass with certain amendments one of which is that it shall be mandatory to investigate charges of fraud or extortion where immigrants are affected.

Another, and important amendment is the addition of a paragraph the aim of which is to emphasize the intention to populate public lands by agricultural settlers. It reads:

"But the board shall not use any of its funds in the purchase of any such private lands or in the development of either private or public lands, and in the settling of farmers on land it shall make private lands secondary to public lands, to the end that the

BILL TO CREATE A BIG MAKIKI PARK

Representative Marcellino this morning introduced a bill declaring and designating a portion of Makiki valley and the adjoining slopes as a public park.

Afonso introduced a bill making a special appropriation to pay certain claims against the Territory. The total is \$327.02, the claimants being M. M. Springer for \$203.50, John Macaulay for \$108 and R. A. Churton for \$16.52, all for making transcripts of testimony in land cases.

Sheldon introduced a bill to provide for the sale by common carriers of unclaimed articles and for the disposition of proceeds of such sale.

Honolulu Wharves.

Marston Campbell, Superintendent of Public Works, returned a reply to resolution asking for information regarding Honolulu wharves, inclosing

FORGET PAST FOR CUMMINS

John Cummins' \$5,000 claim for reimbursement for fine during the 1895 rebellion passed the Senate on second reading today, the ways and means committee recommending that "bygones be bygones." This claim has reached every legislature. It is thought it will pass third reading in the Senate.

TEST OF BIG GUNS.

A test will be made at ten o'clock tomorrow of the two 12-inch guns at Fort Kamehameha, guarding Pearl Harbor. Captain W. P. Platt of the ordnance department, U. S. A., who arrived in the transport Logan to test the guns of the local fortifications, will be in charge.

NATIONAL GUARD INSPECTION.

All the companies of the first Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii in Honolulu will be inspected on Sunday morning by Major Dunning, U. S. A., commandant of Fort Shafter. Orders have been issued by Col. Jones, adjutant-general, for the command to muster at headquarters at 7:30 Sunday morning.

AUTOMOBILES ATTACHED.

An attachment has been served on the property of Hawaiian Stockyards Co., Ltd., at the suit of California Feed Co., Ltd., for a debt of \$1238.04. A Thomas and an Oldsmobile car have been seized by Deputy Sheriff Rose under the writ.

who expects it will be ready for market in the month of May.

"Hackfelds are well satisfied with the new prospects. It looks as if we are going to get a very good price for the tobacco. Mr. Daniels will go to the States himself to sell it, and as he is a tobacco broker as well as an expert in curing, he ought to place the crop to the best advantage. It is hoped to make the crop realize from \$50, to \$75,000."

Judge Robinson has given judgment for Mary Kahai against Yee Yap in a suit to quiet title.

DEMAND BY REBELS THAT DIAZ RETIRE

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

EL PASO, March 17.—The rebel leaders say that, before peace proposals can be entertained President Diaz must retire from office on the ground that his election was illegal.

FEDERALS MAKE A GAIN.

SAN DIEGO, March 17.—The Federal troops have occupied Tecate, losing two. Six rebels were killed.

AMERICANS MANEUVER.

SAN ANTONIO, March 17.—The troops here are preparing for maneuvers.

REBELS TO THE HILLS.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 17.—Blanco's rebel army has fled to the mountains.

LINER BURNED ON THAMES.

LONDON, March 17.—The Furness liner North Point was burned today on the Thames. Forty people were saved. R. F. Carnagis, manager of a branch of Parr's bank, committed suicide.

WOLGAST IS WINNER.

VERNON, Cal., March 17.—Wolgast defeated Mesmic in the ninth round. Mesmic was outclassed throughout the fight, and the referee stopped it to save him from a knockout.

RUSSIA SENDING TROOPS.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 17.—Large bodies of Russian troops are advancing on China. They are concentrating in West Kulja.

MORNING CABLE REPORT.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The law officers of the government find that while Mexico does not recognize a state of war shipments of arms and munitions of war into that country, are not contraband.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 17.—Fifty Federals were ambushed in the suburbs of Hermosillo by 200 insurgents. Twenty-one were killed and the rest surrendered.

SAN DIEGO, March 17.—It is reported here that there are thirty cases of smallpox in the Federal garrison.

EXEMPTION PASSES SENATE

Senate bill 42, raising property tax exemption from \$300 to \$500, passed third reading in the upper house this morning by a vote of eight to six.

Senator Cecil Brown moved that the measure be referred to the ways and means committee for consideration and later attention when the appropriation bill came up. He believed that one result of the bill would be that tax assessors would jump valuations on property and that the bill might as well never have been introduced, but he did not move to kill the bill preferring that the ways and means committee have a chance at it.

Senator Chillingworth, "being poor himself, and therefore feeling for the poor who did not enjoy all those luxuries to which some of the Senators were accustomed," moved to defer the bill till tomorrow, pending the getting of statistics on what the difference in taxes would amount to. He would, however, stand by the bill, believing it to favor the poor. This is the bill recommended tabled by the judiciary committee and then reconsidered.

Judiciary committee recommended the passage of the bill putting the registration of brands under the control of the Sheriff's instead of with the Public Works. The bill passed second reading, being amended so as

to put it in proper legal form.

The House reform registration measure, allowing voters to register the year around, was put over till Monday for second reading, to allow introduction of suggested amendments. Senator Hewitt favors a special dispensation for the registration of men coming of age within a day or two of elections.

Senator Quinn entered a new bill to regulate veterinary practice.

Senator Chillingworth introduced a bill exempting from taxation educational, religious and eleemosynary institutions including the Y. M. C. A., except where any of the latter's property is leased for business purposes.

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